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SUBJECT: STATUS OF SOVIET PLANNING FOR KAMA TIRE PLANT

1. DURING OCTOBER 1 CALL AT MINISTRY OIL REFINING AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY, COMMATT INQUIRED REGARDING STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. FIRMS (UNIROYAL AND GENERAL TIRE) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KAMA RIVER TIRE COMPLEX. DEPUTY DIRECTOR MINISTRY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT V.B. YOURGEL CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS THAT SOVIETS HAD ABANDONED EARLIER PLANS TO CONTRACT WITH ONE WESTERN SUPPLIER FOR THIS PLANT AND WERE BUYING PIECES OF IT FROM VARIETY OF WESTERN SUPPLIERS, WITH SOME EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED FROM DOMESTIC SOURCES. LONG LEAD-TIMES PROPOSED BY POTENTIAL U.S. PRIME CONTRACTORS WERE CITED BY YOURGEL AS MAJOR REASON FOR ADOPTING THIS APPROACH, WHICH HE SAID WOULD RESULT IN PLANT BEING COMPLETED "ON TIME". "SOME" ORDERS WOULD GO TO U.S. FIRMS, YOURGEL SAID.

2. LOOKING AHEAD, YOURGEL SAID NEGOTIATIONS WERE UNDERWAY WITH GENERAL TIRE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF "NEXT" PLANT AFTER KAMA RIVER PROJECT.
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